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Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1-308 are pending in this application. Claims 67-71 and 138-308 were withdrawn from consideration. As a result, claims 1-66 and 72-137 are currently being considered. Claims 1, 14, 27, 38, 47, 56, 72, 85, 98, 109, 118 and 127 are independent.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): A method for pointing and clicking through [[a]] an internet virtual directory system to a desired internet web site relating to a search, comprising:

- (i) receiving a display of a first interface comprising, at least 1,000 first level search categories arranged in alphabetical order in a single web page, wherein each of said first level search categories is configured for pointing and clicking to link to no more than 30 second level search categories, alphabet letters A through Z arranged adjacent said first level search categories, and a scroll bar adjacent said first level search categories for navigating through said first level search categories;
 - (ii) pointing and clicking on a first level search category;
 - (iii) receiving a display of a second interface comprising a plurality of said second level search categories corresponding to said first level search category, wherein each of said second level search categories is configured for pointing and clicking to link to no more than 30 third level search categories;
 - (iv) pointing and clicking on a second level search category;
 - (v) receiving a display of a third interface comprising a plurality of said third level search categories corresponding to said second level search category, wherein each of said third level search categories is a uniform research locator configured for pointing and clicking to link to an internet web site;
 - (vi) pointing and clicking on a third level search category; and
 - (vii) receiving a display of a web page of said internet web site corresponding to said third level search category,
- wherein the categories in each of the first, second and third levels are controlled

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pre-selected and uploaded by a service provider of the internet virtual directory system.

2 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 1, further comprising: (i) pointing and clicking on an alphabet letter; (ii) receiving a display of a group of said first level search categories corresponding to said alphabet letter; and (iii) pointing and clicking on a first level search category from said group of said first level search categories.

3 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 1, further comprising pointing and clicking on said scroll bar to locate a first level search category.

4 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 1, wherein said second interface comprises said alphabet letters arranged adjacent said second level search categories.

5 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 1, wherein said first level search category is displayed in said second interface adjacent said second level search categories.

6 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 1, wherein said third interface comprises said alphabet letters arranged adjacent said third level search categories.

7 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 1, wherein a search path is displayed in said third interface adjacent said third level search categories.

8 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 1, wherein a return bar is displayed adjacent said web page of said internet web site.

9 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 8, wherein said return bar comprises a return button or icon.

10 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): The method of claim 9, further comprising pointing and clicking on said return button or icon to return to said internet virtual directory system.

11 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 8, wherein said return bar includes a hide button or icon for hiding said return bar.

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12 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 11, further comprising pointing and clicking on said hide button or icon to hide said return bar.

13 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): The method of claim 1, further comprising using a mouse to point and click through said internet virtual directory system.

14 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): A method for pointing and clicking through [[a]] an internet virtual directory system to a desired internet web site relating to a search, comprising:

(i) receiving a display of a first interface comprising, a plurality of first level search categories arranged in alphabetical order in a single web page, wherein each of said first level search categories is configured for pointing and clicking to link to at least one second level search category, alphabet letters A through Z arranged adjacent said first level search categories, and a scroll bar adjacent said first level search categories for navigating through said first level search categories;

(ii) pointing and clicking on a first level search category;

(iii) receiving a display of a second interface comprising at least one second level search category corresponding to said first level search category, wherein each second level search category is configured for pointing and clicking to link to at least one third level search category;

(iv) pointing and clicking on a second level search category;

(v) receiving a display of a third interface comprising at least one third level search category corresponding to said second level search category, wherein each third level search category is a uniform research locator configured for pointing and clicking to link to an internet web site;

(vi) pointing and clicking on a third level search category; and

(vii) receiving a display of a web page of said internet web site corresponding to said third level search category

wherein the categories in each of the first, second and third levels are ~~controlled~~ pre-selected and uploaded by a service provider of the internet virtual directory system.

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15 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 14, further comprising: (i) pointing and clicking on an alphabet letter; (ii) receiving a display of a group of said first level search categories corresponding to said alphabet letter; and (iii) pointing and clicking on a first level search category from said group of said first level search categories.

16 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 14, further comprising pointing and clicking on said scroll bar to locate a first level search category.

17 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 14, wherein said second interface comprises said alphabet letters arranged adjacent said second level search categories.

18 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 14, wherein said first level search category is displayed in said second interface adjacent said second level search categories.

19 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 14, wherein said third interface comprises said alphabet letters arranged adjacent said third level search categories.

20 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 14, wherein a search path is displayed in said third interface adjacent said third level search categories.

21 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 14, wherein a return bar is displayed adjacent said web page of said internet web site.

22 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 21, wherein said return bar comprises a return button or icon.

23 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): The method of claim 22, further comprising pointing and clicking on said return button or icon to return to said internet virtual directory system.

24 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 21, wherein said return bar includes a hide button or icon for hiding said return bar.

25 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 24, further comprising pointing and clicking on said

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hide button or icon to hide said return bar.

26 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): The method of claim 14, further comprising using a mouse to point and click through said internet virtual directory system.

27 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): A method for pointing and clicking through an internet virtual directory system to a desired internet web site relating to a search, comprising:

(i) receiving a display of a first interface comprising, a plurality of first level search categories arranged in alphabetical order in a single web page, wherein each of said first level search categories is configured for pointing and clicking to link to at least one second level search category, and alphabet letters A through Z arranged adjacent said first level search categories;

(ii) pointing and clicking on an alphabet letter;

(iii) receiving a display of a group of first level search categories corresponding to said alphabet letter;

(iv) pointing and clicking on a first level search category selected from said group of first level search categories;

(v) receiving a display of a second interface comprising at least one second level search category corresponding to said first level search category, wherein each second level search category is configured for pointing and clicking to link to at least one third level search category;

(vi) pointing and clicking on a second level search category;

(vii) receiving a display of a third interface comprising at least one third level search category corresponding to said second level search category, wherein each third level search category is a uniform research locator configured for pointing and clicking to link to an internet web site;

(viii) pointing and clicking on a third level search category; and

(ix) receiving a display of a web page of said internet web site corresponding to said third level search category

wherein the categories in each of the first, second and third levels are connected

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pre-selected and uploaded by a service provider of the internet virtual directory system.

28 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 27, wherein said second interface comprises said alphabet letters arranged adjacent said second level search categories.

29 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 27, wherein said first level search category is displayed in said second interface adjacent said second level search categories.

30 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 27, wherein said third interface comprises said alphabet letters arranged adjacent said third level search categories.

31 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 27, wherein a search path is displayed in said third interface adjacent said third level search categories.

32 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 27, wherein a return bar is displayed adjacent said web page of said internet web site.

33 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 32, wherein said return bar comprises a return button or icon.

34 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): The method of claim 33, further comprising pointing and clicking on said return button or icon to return to said internet virtual directory system.

35 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 32, wherein said return bar includes a hide button or icon for hiding said return bar.

36 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 35, further comprising pointing and clicking on said hide button or icon to hide said return bar.

37 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): The method of claim 27, further comprising using a mouse to point and click through said internet virtual directory system.

38 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): A method for pointing and clicking through an internet virtual directory system to a desired internet web site relating to a search, comprising:

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(i) receiving a display of a first interface comprising, a plurality of first level search categories arranged in a single web page, wherein each of said first level search categories is configured for pointing and clicking to link to at least one second level search category, and a scroll bar adjacent said first level search categories for navigating through said first level search categories;

(ii) pointing and clicking on said scroll bar to locate a first level search category;

(iii) pointing and clicking on said first level search category;

(iv) receiving a display of a second interface comprising at least one second level search category corresponding to said first level search category, wherein each second level search category is configured for pointing and clicking to link to at least one third level search category;

(v) pointing and clicking on a second level search category;

(vi) receiving a display of a third interface comprising at least one third level search category corresponding to said second level search category, wherein each third level search category is a uniform research locator configured for pointing and clicking to link to an internet web site;

(vii) pointing and clicking on a third level search category; and

(viii) receiving a display of a web page of said internet web site corresponding to said third level search category.

wherein the categories in each of the first, second and third levels are ~~entered~~ pre-selected and uploaded by a service provider of the internet virtual directory system.

39 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 38, wherein said first level search category is displayed in said second interface adjacent said second level search categories.

40 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 38, wherein a search path is displayed in said third interface adjacent said third level search categories.

41 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 38, wherein a return bar is displayed adjacent said web page of said internet web site.

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42 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 41, wherein said return bar comprises a return button or icon.

43 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): The method of claim 42, further comprising pointing and clicking on said return button or icon to return to said internet virtual directory system.

44 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 41, wherein said return bar includes a hide button or icon for hiding said return bar.

45 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 44, further comprising pointing and clicking on said hide button or icon to hide said return bar.

46 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): The method of claim 38, further comprising using a mouse to point and click through said internet virtual directory system.

47 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): A method for pointing and clicking through an internet virtual directory system to a desired internet web site relating to a search, comprising:

(i) receiving a display of a first interface comprising a plurality of first level search categories, wherein each of said first level search categories is configured for pointing and clicking to link to at least one second level search category;

(ii) pointing and clicking on a first level search category;

(iii) receiving a display of a second interface comprising at least one second level search category corresponding to said first level search category, wherein each second level search category is configured for pointing and clicking to link to at least one third level search category;

(iv) pointing and clicking on a second level search category;

(v) receiving a display of a third interface comprising at least one third level search category corresponding to said second level search category, wherein each third level search category is a uniform research locator configured for pointing and clicking to link to an internet web site;

(vi) pointing and clicking on a third level search category; and

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(vii) receiving a display of a web page of said internet web site corresponding to said third level search category

wherein the categories in each of the first, second and third levels are ~~controlled~~ pre-selected and uploaded by a service provider of the internet virtual directory system.

48 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 47, wherein said first level search category is displayed in said second interface adjacent said second level search categories.

49 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 47, wherein a search path is displayed in said third interface adjacent said third level search categories.

50 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 47, wherein a return bar is displayed adjacent said web page of said internet web site.

51 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 50, wherein said return bar comprises a return button or icon.

52 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): The method of claim 51, further comprising pointing and clicking on said return button or icon to return to said internet virtual directory system.

53 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 50, wherein said return bar includes a hide button or icon for hiding said return bar.

54 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 53, further comprising pointing and clicking on said hide button or icon to hide said return bar.

55 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): The method of claim 47, further comprising using a mouse to point and click through said internet virtual directory system.

56 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): A method for pointing and clicking through [[a]] an internet virtual directory system to a desired internet web site relating to a search, comprising:
receiving a display of a first interface comprising a plurality of first level search categories, wherein each of said first level search categories is configured for pointing and

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clicking to link to at least one second level search category;

pointing and clicking on on a first level search category;

receiving a display of a second interface comprising at least one second level search category corresponding to said first level search category, wherein each second level search category is a uniform research locator configured for pointing and clicking to link to an internet website;

pointing and clicking on the second level search category; and

receiving a display of a web page of an internet web site corresponding to said second level search category

wherein the categories in each of the first and second levels are controlled by selected and uploaded by a service provider of the internet virtual directory system.

57 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 56, wherein said interface further comprises an alphabet letters A through Z arranged adjacent said search categories.

58 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 57, further comprising: (i) pointing and clicking on an alphabet letter; (ii) receiving a display of a group of search categories corresponding to said alphabet letter; and (iii) pointing and clicking on a search category selected from said group of search categories.

59 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 56, wherein said interface further comprises a scroll bar adjacent said search categories for navigating through said search categories.

60 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 59, further comprising pointing and clicking on said scroll bar to locate a search category.

61 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 56, wherein a return bar is displayed adjacent said web page of said internet web site.

62 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 61, wherein said return bar comprises a return button or icon.

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63 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): The method of claim 62, further comprising pointing and clicking on said return button or icon to return to said internet virtual directory system.

64 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 61, wherein said return bar includes a hide button or icon for hiding said return bar.

65 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 64, further comprising pointing and clicking on said hide button or icon to hide said return bar.

66 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): The method of claim 56, further comprising using a mouse to point and click through said internet virtual directory system.

67-71 (CANCELLED):

72 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): A method for providing an internet virtual directory system to a desired internet web site relating to a search, comprising:

(i) transmitting a display of a first interface comprising, at least 1,000 first level search categories arranged in alphabetical order in a single web page, wherein each of said first level search categories is configured for pointing and clicking to link to no more than 30 second level search categories, alphabet letters A through Z arranged adjacent said first level search categories, and a scroll bar adjacent said first level search categories for navigating through said first level search categories;

(ii) receiving a click command to select a first level search category;

(iii) transmitting a display of a second interface comprising a plurality of said second level search categories corresponding to said first level search category, wherein each of said second level search categories is configured for pointing and clicking to link to no more than 30 third level search categories;

(iv) receiving a click command to select a second level search category;

(v) transmitting a display of a third interface comprising a plurality of said third level search categories corresponding to said second level search category, wherein each of said third level search categories is a uniform research locator configured for pointing and clicking to

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link to an internet web site;

(vi) receiving a click command to select a third level search category; and

(vii) transmitting a display of a web page of said internet web site corresponding to said third level search category

wherein the categories in each of the first, second and third levels are ~~controlled~~ pre-selected and uploaded by a service provider of the internet virtual directory system.

73 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 72, further comprising: (i) receiving a click command to select an alphabet letter; (ii) transmitting a display of a group of said first level search categories corresponding to said alphabet letter; and (iii) receiving a click command to select a first level search category from said group of said first level search categories.

74 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 72, further comprising receiving a click command to control said scroll bar to locate a first level search category.

75 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 72, wherein said second interface comprises said alphabet letters arranged adjacent said second level search categories.

76 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 72, wherein said first level search category is displayed in said second interface adjacent said second level search categories.

77 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 72, wherein said third interface comprises said alphabet letters arranged adjacent said third level search categories.

78 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 72, wherein a search path is displayed in said third interface adjacent said third level search categories.

79 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 72, wherein a return bar is displayed adjacent said web page of said internet web site.

80 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 79, wherein said return bar comprises a return button or icon.

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81 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): The method of claim 80, further comprising: (i) receiving a click command from said return button or icon to return to said internet virtual directory system; and (ii) transmitting a display of said third interface.

82 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 79, wherein said return bar includes a hide button or icon for hiding said return bar.

83 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 82, further comprising: (i) receiving a click command from said hide button or icon to hide said return bar; and (ii) transmitting a display of said web page without said return bar.

84 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 72, further comprising receiving said click commands from a mouse.

85 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): A method for providing [[a]] an internet virtual directory system to a desired internet web site relating to a search, comprising:

(i) transmitting a display of a first interface comprising, a plurality of first level search categories arranged in alphabetical order in a single web page, wherein each of said first level search categories is configured for pointing and clicking to link to at least one second level search category, alphabet letters A through Z arranged adjacent said first level search categories, and a scroll bar adjacent said first level search categories for navigating through said first level search categories;

(ii) receiving a click command to select a first level search category;

(iii) transmitting a display of a second interface comprising at least one second level search category corresponding to said first level search category, wherein each second level search category is configured for pointing and clicking to link to at least one third level search category;

(iv) receiving a click command to select a second level search category;

(v) transmitting a display of a third interface comprising at least one third level search category corresponding to said second level search category, wherein each third level search category is a uniform research locator configured for pointing and clicking to link to an

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internet web site;

(vi) receiving a click command to select a third level search category; and

(vii) transmitting a display of a web page of said internet web site corresponding to said third level search category

wherein the categories in each of the first, second and third levels are ~~controlled~~ pre-selected and uploaded by a service provider of the internet virtual directory system.

86 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 85, further comprising: (i) receiving a click command to select an alphabet letter; (ii) transmitting a display of a group of said first level search categories corresponding to said alphabet letter; and (iii) receiving a click command to select a first level search category from said group of said first level search categories.

87 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 85, further comprising receiving a click command to control said scroll bar to locate a first level search category.

88 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 85, wherein said second interface comprises said alphabet letters arranged adjacent said second level search categories.

89 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 85, wherein said first level search category is displayed in said second interface adjacent said second level search categories.

90 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 85, wherein said third interface comprises said alphabet letters arranged adjacent said third level search categories.

91 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 85, wherein a search path is displayed in said third interface adjacent said third level search categories.

92 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 85, wherein a return bar is displayed adjacent said web page of said internet web site.

93 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 92, wherein said return bar comprises a return button or icon.

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94 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): The method of claim 93, further comprising: (i) receiving a click command from said return button or icon to return to said internet virtual directory system; and (ii) transmitting a display of said third interface.

95 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 92, wherein said return bar includes a hide button or icon for hiding said return bar.

96 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 95, further comprising: (i) receiving a click command from said hide button or icon to hide said return bar; and (ii) transmitting a display of said web page without said return bar.

97 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 85, further comprising receiving said click commands from a mouse.

98 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): A method for providing [[a]] an internet virtual directory system to a desired internet web site relating to a search, comprising:

(i) transmitting a display of a first interface comprising, a plurality of first level search categories arranged in alphabetical order in a single web page, wherein each of said first level search categories is configured for pointing and clicking to link to at least one second level search category, and alphabet letters A through Z arranged adjacent said first level search categories;

(ii) receiving a click command to select an alphabet letter;

(iii) transmitting a display of a group of first level search categories corresponding to said alphabet letter;

(iv) receiving a click command to select a first level search category selected from said group of first level search categories;

(v) transmitting a display of a second interface comprising at least one second level search category corresponding to said first level search category, wherein each second level search category is configured for pointing and clicking to link to at least one third level search category;

(vi) receiving a click command to select a second level search category;

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(vii) transmitting a display of a third interface comprising at least one third level search category corresponding to said second level search category, wherein each third level search category is a uniform research locator configured for pointing and clicking to link to an internet web site;

(viii) receiving a click command to select a third level search category; and

(ix) transmitting a display of a web page of said internet web site corresponding to said third level search category

wherein the categories in each of the first, second and third levels are ~~entered~~ pre-selected and uploaded by a service provider of the internet virtual directory system.

99 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 98, wherein said second interface comprises said alphabet letters arranged adjacent said second level search categories.

100 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 98, wherein said first level search category is displayed in said second interface adjacent said second level search categories.

101 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 98, wherein said third interface comprises said alphabet letters arranged adjacent said third level search categories.

102 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 98, wherein a search path is displayed in said third interface adjacent said third level search categories.

103 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 98, wherein a return bar is displayed adjacent said web page of said internet web site.

104 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 103, wherein said return bar comprises a return button or icon.

105 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): The method of claim 104, further comprising: (i) receiving a click command from said return button or icon to return to said internet virtual directory system; and (ii) transmitting a display of said third interface.

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106 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 103, wherein said return bar includes a hide button or icon for hiding said return bar.

107 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 106, further comprising: (i) receiving a click command from said hide button or icon to hide said return bar; and (ii) transmitting a display of said web page without said return bar.

108 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 98, further comprising receiving said click commands from a mouse.

109 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): A method for providing [[a]] an internet virtual directory system to a desired internet web site relating to a search, comprising:

(i) transmitting a display of a first interface comprising, a plurality of first level search categories arranged in a single web page, wherein each of said first level search categories is configured for pointing and clicking to link to at least one second level search category, and a scroll bar adjacent said first level search categories for navigating through said first level search categories;

(ii) receiving a click command to control said scroll bar to locate a first level search category;

(iii) receiving a click command to select said first level search category;

(iv) transmitting a display of a second interface comprising at least one second level search category corresponding to said first level search category, wherein each second level search category is configured for pointing and clicking to link to at least one third level search category;

(v) receiving a click command to select a second level search category;

(vi) transmitting a display of a third interface comprising at least one third level search category corresponding to said second level search category, wherein each third level search category is a uniform research locator configured for pointing and clicking to link to an internet web site;

(vii) receiving a click command to select a third level search category; and

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(viii) transmitting a display of a web page of said internet web site corresponding to said third level search category

wherein the categories in each of the first, second and third levels are entered pre-selected and uploaded by a service provider of the internet virtual directory system.

110 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 109, wherein said first level search category is displayed in said second interface adjacent said second level search categories.

111 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 109, wherein a search path is displayed in said third interface adjacent said third level search categories.

112 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 109, wherein a return bar is displayed adjacent said web page of said internet web site.

113 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 112, wherein said return bar comprises a return button or icon.

114 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): The method of claim 113, further comprising: (i) receiving a click command from said return button or icon to return to said internet virtual directory system; and (ii) transmitting a display of said third interface.

115 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 112, wherein said return bar includes a hide button or icon for hiding said return bar.

116 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 115, further comprising: (i) receiving a click command from said hide button or icon to hide said return bar; and (ii) transmitting a display of said web page without said return bar.

117 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 109, further comprising receiving said click commands from a mouse.

118 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): A method for providing an internet virtual directory system to a desired internet web site relating to a search, comprising:

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(i) transmitting a display of a first interface comprising a plurality of first level search categories, wherein each of said first level search categories is configured for pointing and clicking to link to at least one second level search category;

(ii) receiving a click command to select a first level search category;

(iii) transmitting a display of a second interface comprising at least one second level search category corresponding to said first level search category, wherein each second level search category is configured for pointing and clicking to link to at least one third level search category;

(iv) receiving a click command to select a second level search category;

(v) transmitting a display of a third interface comprising at least one third level search category corresponding to said second level search category, wherein each third level search category is a uniform research locator configured for pointing and clicking to link to an internet web site;

(vi) receiving a click command to select a third level search category; and

(vii) transmitting a display of a web page of said internet web site corresponding to said third level search category

wherein the categories in each of the first, second and third levels are ~~controlled~~ pre-selected and uploaded by a service provider of the internet virtual directory system.

119 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 118, wherein said first level search category is displayed in said second interface adjacent said second level search categories.

120 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 118, wherein a search path is displayed in said third interface adjacent said third level search categories.

121 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 118, wherein a return bar is displayed adjacent said web page of said internet web site.

122 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 121, wherein said return bar comprises a return button or icon.

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123 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): The method of claim 122, further comprising: (i) receiving a click command from said return button or icon to return to said internet virtual directory system; and (ii) transmitting a display of said third interface.

124 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 121, wherein said return bar includes a hide button or icon for hiding said return bar.

125 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 124, further comprising: (i) receiving a click command from said hide button or icon to hide said return bar; and (ii) transmitting a display of said web page without said return bar.

126 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 118, further comprising receiving said click commands from a mouse.

127 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): A method for providing ~~[[a]]~~ an internet virtual directory system to a desired internet web site relating to a search, comprising: (i) transmitting a display of at least one interface comprising a plurality of search categories; (ii) receiving a click command to select a search category; and (iii) transmitting a display of a web page of an internet web site corresponding to said search category wherein the search categories are ~~controlled~~ pre-selected and uploaded by a service provider of the internet virtual directory system.

128 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 127, wherein said interface further comprises alphabet letters A through Z arranged adjacent said search categories.

129 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 128, further comprising: (i) receiving a click command to select an alphabet letter; (ii) transmitting a display of a group of search categories corresponding to said alphabet letter; and (iii) receiving a click command to select a search category from said group of search categories.

130 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 127, wherein said interface further comprises a scroll bar adjacent said search categories for navigating through said search categories.

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131 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 130, further comprising receiving a click command and to control said scroll bar to locate a search category.

132 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 127, wherein a return bar is displayed adjacent said web page of said internet web site.

133 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 132, wherein said return bar comprises a return button or icon.

134 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): The method of claim 133, further comprising: (i) receiving a click command from said return button or icon to return to said internet virtual directory system; and (ii) transmitting a display of said interface.

135 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 132, wherein said return bar includes a hide button or icon for hiding said return bar.

136 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 135, further comprising: (i) receiving a click command from said hide button or icon to hide said return bar; and (ii) transmitting a display of said web page without said return bar.

137 (ORIGINAL): The method of claim 127, further comprising receiving said click command from a mouse.

138-308 (CANCELLED):

309 (NEW): A method for providing an internet virtual directory system to a desired internet web site relating to a search, comprising: (i) transmitting a display of more than one interface, wherein each interface comprises a plurality of search categories; (ii) receiving a click command to select a search category for each of said interfaces; and (iii) transmitting a display of a web page of an internet web site corresponding to said search category wherein said search categories for each interface are preselected and uploaded by a service provider of said internet virtual directory system.

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310 (NEW): The method of claim 309, wherein said each interface further comprises alphabet letters A through Z arranged adjacent said search categories.

311 (NEW): The method of claim 310, further comprising: (i) receiving a click command to select an alphabet letter; (ii) transmitting a display of a group of search categories corresponding to said alphabet letter; and (iii) receiving a click command to select a search category from said group of search categories.

312 (NEW): The method of claim 309, wherein said each interface further comprises a scroll bar adjacent said search categories for navigating through said search categories.

313 (NEW): The method of claim 312, further comprising receiving a click command to control said scroll bar to locate a search category.

314 (NEW): The method of claim 309, wherein a return bar is displayed adjacent said web page of said internet web site.

315 (NEW): The method of claim 314, wherein said return bar comprises a return button or icon.

316 (NEW): The method of claim 315, further comprising: (i) receiving a click command from said return button or icon to return to said internet virtual directory system; and (ii) transmitting a display of said interface.

317 (NEW): The method of claim 314, wherein said return bar includes a hide button or icon for hiding said return bar.

318 (NEW): The method of claim 317, further comprising: (i) receiving a click command from said hide button or icon to hide said return bar; and (ii) transmitting a display of said web page without said return bar.

319 (NEW): The method of claim 309, further comprising receiving said click command from a mouse.